

**MINUTES**  
OF THE  
**STATE CONVENTION**  
OF THE  
**BAPTIST DENOMINATION**

**In South-Carolina,**

*Held in the Town of Greenville, December 16th, and continued  
to December 19th, 1826.*

1. The Convention Sermon was delivered, according to appointment, by the Rev. J. B. Cook, from John iii. 19;—After which the Delegates assembled for business. Prayer by brother Landrum. From the Charleston Association, the following members appeared, viz. Joseph B. Cook, B. Manly, Thomas Simons, Jesse Hartwell. From the Edgefield Association—John Landrum, Wm. H. Stokes, Nicolas W. Hodges, John T. Coleman, Abner Blocker, M. Mims. From the Savannah River Association—Winborn A. Lawton, N. Walker. From the Education and Missionary Society of Saluda—Wm. B. Johnson, James Crowther, Lewis Rector, Nathan Berry, Matthew Gambrell, and James Harper. From the Fellowship Benevolent Society no delegate appeared.

Wm. Dossey, John Good, Daniel Sheppard, Gregory Rollins, Clement D. Wallace, Jesse Peebles, John F. Wilson, Wm. Riley, and Robert Missildine, from the Charleston Association; Chesley Davis, John Chiles, M. W. Chrestman, and Richard M. Todd, from the Edgefield; Darling Peebles, and Wm. Cooper, from the Savannah River; James Wilson, S. Linton, and Joseph Grisbham, from the Saluda Society; John W. Williams, and Robert Marsh, from the Fellowship Society,—failed to attend.

2. The following were elected officers, viz.—W. B. Johnson, President; Joseph B. Cook, Vice-President; B. Manly, Secretary, and M. Mims, Treasurer.

3. The Congaree Benevolent Society, formed May 7th, 1826, applied to be admitted a constituent member of the Convention through the Rev. C. D. Mallary. The Society was cordially received, and brother Mallary welcomed to the privileges of a member. Robert Weston, also delegated from the Congaree Society, failed to attend.

4. A letter of correspondence was received from the Saluda Baptist Association, by their messengers, the Rev. Sanford Vandiver, James Wilson, Nathan Berry, James Crowther, Lewis Rector, and William McGee. The brethren were cordially invited to a seat, and to assist in our deliberations.

5. The Rev. Adiel Sherwood presented a letter certifying the appointment of himself, together with the Rev. Messrs. Jesse Mercer and James Armstrong, as messengers of the General Association of Georgia.

to this Body. The President welcomed brother Sherwood to all the privileges of a corresponding member.

6. The President gave an affectionate invitation to all ministers of the Baptist and other denominations present, and to all members of Baptist churches who may likewise be present, to a seat, and to assist in the deliberations of the Convention.

7. The President reported that the Legislature of the State had granted a charter of incorporation to the Convention, according to its request.

8. Appointed the following Committees, viz.— W. B. Johnson, Lewis Rector, and Samuel Gibson, to arrange the preaching during the meeting; C. D. Mallary, N. W. Hodges, and Wm. H. Stokes, to revise the Circular, in connection with the author; and Matthew Mims, and John T. Coleman, to receive contributions, and to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

The Rev. J. B. Cook was appointed to write to the Saluda Baptist Association; and the President to the General Association of Georgia.

9. The President presented the following obituary notices, which were accepted:—

“Whereas it hath pleased Almighty God again to afflict this Body during the present year, in the removal by death of two of its members, the Rev. Benjamin S. Scriven, Vice-President, and the Rev. George Scott, Resolved,

1. That we regard the visitation as the act of an all-wise God, who rules in the Heavens and the Earth, as the unerring Disposer of beings and events, in such a manner as best to subserve his own holy purposes: And although in the loss of our brethren, who were Ministers of the Gospel, and yet strong for service in their Master's cause, we behold a mysterious ordering of Divine Providence withdrawing useful instruments from the cause, when an addition to the number is so loudly demanded, yet we bow with reverence and submission under the bereavement, and say, “The will of the Lord be done.” Pious, and sincerely engaged in their Master's work on earth, our departed brethren have left unequivocal testimony that they have gone to receive an eternal weight of glory in the Heavens.

2. Resolved, That the Convention sympathise with the families of their deceased brethren; and that copies of these resolutions be sent to both, with an affectionate letter of condolence from the President.”

10. Resolved, That in future the Convention omit, in ordinary cases, to insert on their minutes obituary notices of their deceased brethren, believing that such a tribute of remembrance, if expedient or necessary, more properly belongs to the several Associations.

11. The Collecting Agents present reported, whereupon, Resolved, That the surviving Collecting Agents heretofore appointed be continued, and earnestly requested to transmit to the Treasurer or Travelling Agent immediately whatever sums they may have on hand; and to make regular returns to the Convention or to the Travelling Agent, of all subscriptions, donations, &c. which they may obtain.

Rev. Mr. Sherwood prayed, and the Convention adjourned until 6 o'clock.

*Saturday Evening, 6 o'clock.* The Rev. Mr. Warne prayed.

12. The President presented a copy of the minutes of the fifth triennial meeting of the General Convention, and briefly stated their contents, which were referred to the President and the Rev. Messrs. Cook and Warne.

13. The brethren C. D. Mallary, J. Hartwell, J. Landrum, N. W. Hodges, W. A. Lawton, and Jesse Blocker, were elected Agents, who together with the Officers of the Convention, form the Board of Agents for the ensuing year.



14. Resolved, That this Body consider a library essential to the prosperity and usefulness of the Institution at Edgefield; and that the Board be requested to adopt the most effectual practicable method of creating one.

The Rev. Nathan Berry prayed, and the Convention adjourned to Monday morning, half after 9 o'clock.

The Lord's Day was employed as usual in acts of public worship. The Rev. C. D. Mallary preached the annual Charity Sermon, in the Court House, at half after 10 o'clock; after which a collection was taken in aid of the funds of the Convention. The Rev. B. Manly preached at two in the afternoon, preparatory to the Communion of the Lord's Supper, which was administered by the Rev. Messrs. Crowther and Sherwood. The Rev. Mr. Warne preached at night. It is believed that 'an unction from the Holy One' was diffused among the people during the labours of this day, and we humbly pray that the Divine blessing may follow them.

*Monday morning half after 9 o'clock.* The Rev. Mr. Rector prayed.

15. Referred the matter of making appropriations to purchase Books for certain Ministers mentioned, to the Board.

16. Resolved, That the next meeting of this Body be held on the Saturday before the first Lord's day in December, 1827, at the village of Edgefield. The Secretary to preach the Convention Sermon on Saturday morning; in case of failure, brother Rector. The President to preach the Charity Sermon on Sunday morning; in case of failure, brother Gibson.

17. Requested the Secretary to take measures for the printing and distribution of the Minutes.

18. The subject of requesting some person to establish a periodical publication in the city of Charleston, S. C. and of recommending it to the patronage of the Baptist denomination in the Southern States, was discussed in the Convention, and referred to the following brethren, viz. Manly, Landrum, Lawton, Rector, and Mallary, to bring forward something definite on the subject.

19. Brother Hartwell informed the Convention that the Library belonging to the General Committee of churches in the Charleston Association, had been by them transferred to the Convention for the use of the Institution at Edgefield, subject to revert to them again in case the Institution should ever become extinct; whereupon it was resolved that the Convention accept the generous donation of the General Committee, under the above condition; that brother Hartwell be requested to present the cordial thanks of this Body to them, and that the business of receiving and keeping the books be referred to the Board.

20. Resolved, That a permanent Agency in behalf of the designs of the Convention, is indispensably necessary; and that the business of providing such an Agency as soon as possible, be committed to the Board.

21. Resolved, That it is expedient to originate and establish a permanent fund, the interest only of which shall be applied to the objects of this Convention.

22. Brother Mallary brought to view the existence and objects of the South-Carolina Anti-Intemperance Society; and, on motion of brother Hodges, it was resolved, that the State Convention of Baptists highly approve of the object of the above-named Society, and recommend to the churches in connection with this Body to take the subject into consideration, and adopt whatever means may appear to them most effectual to put a stop to the crying evil of the intemperate use of ardent spirits.

23. Appointed the President, and the brethren Crowther and Lawton, Messengers to the General Association of Georgia. Also, brethren Gib-

son, Hodges, Stokes, and Coleman, Messengers to the Saluda Baptist Association.

24. The President read a copy of the constitution and proceedings of the Charleston Anti-Duelling Association ; and it was resolved that we highly approve of the object, and recommend a co-operation with them in their laudable undertaking, in any manner that may be practicable, in each particular community.

25. The committee appointed to revise the Circular, reported it to the notice of the Convention. It was then read by the author, and adopted. Owing to the unusual length of our minutes, however, it was omitted ; and brother Hartwell was continued to write the next circular address.

26. The committee appointed to receive contributions, and audit the Treasurer's accounts, submitted a statement, which was accepted, and ordered to be printed with these minutes.

27. Voted unanimously, that the Convention entertain a grateful sense of the faithful and liberal services of our brother Abner Blocker, late Treasurer of this Body ; and regret that in the course of Providence we are to lose the immediate co-operation of so able and affectionate a fellow-labourer.

28. Appointed the brethren Landrum, Hodges, and Stokes, to attend to the transfer of the funds and specialties of the Convention, from the late to the present Treasurer, and also to the execution of the Treasurer's bond.

Brother Crowther prayed, and the Convention adjourned until to-morrow morning, at half past 9 o'clock.

*Tuesday morning, half past 9 o'clock.* The Convention met. The Secretary prayed.

29. The committee appointed to consult in relation to the establishment of a periodical paper, reported the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted.

*Resolved, 1.* That the funds of the Convention, being sacredly devoted to other objects, ought never to be pledged or applied to the support of a periodical paper.

*Resolved, 2.* That we consider it desirable that a weekly religious paper, particularly devoted to the interest of the Baptist denomination in the Southern States, be published and circulated.

*Resolved, 3.* That brother William Riley, of Charleston, S. C. be respectfully requested to undertake the management of the paper, and commence its publication as soon as a sufficient number of subscribers may be obtained.

*Resolved, 4.* That the following persons be a committee to communicate this request to brother Riley, viz. the President, Secretary, the Rev. Adiel Sherwood, of Georgia ; and Messrs. Thomas Blackwood and Roger Heriot, of Charleston : That the same committee consult with Mr. Riley as to the most suitable name for the paper to assume, and as to the best measures to secure its permanency, usefulness, and respectability.

*Resolved, 5.* That should brother Riley undertake its publication, we recommend to the members and friends of the denomination generally in the Southern States, to afford their encouragement to this paper, and make use of all prudent means to secure its general circulation.

30. Read and accepted the corresponding letters to the General Association of Georgia, and to the Saluda Baptist Association.

31. The committee to whom was referred the minutes of the General Convention, reported as follows :

"Whereas, from recent developements in relation to the affairs of the Columbian College, it is evident that a debt of large amount hangs over that Institution, which if unpaid, must bring on its entire ruin, or throw it into other hands ; and whereas the funds of the Institution are utterly inadequate to its extrication from its perilous condition ; Therefore, Re-



solved, That it be recommended to the Associations and Societies composing this Body, and to the churches and individuals of our order throughout the State, to consider with due regard, and with solemn prayer, the importance of this Institution to the interests of religion and science in general, and particularly of the Baptist denomination: That they consider the great exertions which have been made to bring to the birth this offspring of Piety, of Science, and of Patriotism; and then inquire in the fear of God, whether they can sit still and witness without deep emotion, its advancement to vigorous manhood suddenly arrested, and all the fond hopes which its early promise has inspired, blasted in the bud. If they can, then let them fold their arms, and yield to other hands those weapons they might so successfully wield in their own. But if they cannot, let them bestir themselves, let them exercise some self-denial that they might contribute something towards the relief which the Institution requires, for the preservation of its existence."

This report was accepted, and ordered to be copied into our minutes.

32. The Board of Managers for the last year, reported by reading their minutes. The report of the Board was accepted; and their whole minutes, together with the rules provided by them for the government of the Seminary, were ordered to be printed with the minutes of the Convention.

33. *Resolved*, That the Board be instructed, in receiving Beneficiaries, to require them to enter into an obligation, to be under the direction of the Board while in the pursuit of their studies; not to withdraw from the patronage of the Board without their leave; and if they do not enter on the work of the Ministry within a reasonable time after finishing their education, or if after entering into the ministry, they afterwards either apostatize, or leave the work, to refund the money expended in their behalf with lawful interest.

34. Whereas, our much lamented Brother Gillison, bequeathed, for the use of this Convention, to be applied to education purposes, the sum of five thousand dollars; Therefore, *Resolved*, That 4000 dollars be immediately vested in a permanent fund, to be denominated 'the Gillison fund,' the interest only of which shall be applied to education purposes; and that the Board shall from time to time, cause this fund to be increased as they may have it in their power to do, from moneys in hand, which may admit of such an application.

35. *Resolved*, That as contributions have been sent up to this body, specially designated for the benefit of the Withington Station, over which we have no supervision or control, the amount be forwarded to the Treasurer of the General Missionary Convention, for the use of said station.

36. Voted, Unanimously, that the cordial thanks of this body, be presented to the friendly hospitable inhabitants of this town, and its vicinity, for their kind attention to its members and friends, during the meeting.

The President affectionately addressed the members, and adjourned the meeting by prayer, and the Christian Benediction.

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## GENERAL STATE OF THE ASSOCIATIONS

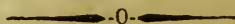
### UNITED IN THE CONVENTION.

*The Charleston Association* contains 37 Churches, 18 ordained Ministers, 8 licensed Preachers, and 4098 communicants. The number baptized last year was 269. Several Education and Missionary Societies, as well as Sabbath Schools, are connected with the Association. The

amount of money sent up by the different Churches, and Societies, last year, was \$602. Their next meeting is to be held at the Gapway Church, Marion District, on Saturday before the first Lord's day in November, 1827. The Rev. B. Manly to preach the Association Sermon, in case of failure Rev. Jesse Hartwell;—Rev. Joseph B Cook, the Missionary Sermon;—and the Rev. C. D. Mallary, the Sermon at the conclusion of the session. The General Committee of the Churches, united in this Association, meet at the same time and place with them, having charge of the Education and Foreign Mission Funds, and are an incorporated body. There is also the Itinerent Board, to whose charge is committed the Domestic Mission within the bounds of the Association. The labours of the Missionaries, employed from time to time, by the Board, have been signally blessed. During the past year, the Missionary of the Board baptized 27; during the year previous, 45.

In the *Edgefield Association* are 36 Churches, 20 ordained Ministers, 8 licensed Preachers, and 2145 Members; 84 baptized the past year. The next Association to be held at the Bethel Church, near the Ridge, Edgefield District, on the road from Edgefield Court-House to Columbia, on Saturday before the third Sabbath in September, 1827. Chesley Davis to preach the Association Sermon, and M. W. Chrestman to preach the charity sermon on Sunday.

The *Savannah River Baptist Association*, has in its connection 23 Churches, 16 ordained, and 8 licensed Preachers of the Gospel; also, several Sunday Schools, and three Bible Societies, within its bounds; a Domestic Missionary Society, two Tract Societies, and at Robertville, a Society called the Domestic Missionary Society of Black Swamp. The number in communion, as stated in their last Minutes, is 3526. The next meeting of their body is to be at Robertville, in Beaufort District, South-Carolina, on Saturday before the fourth Lord's day in November, 1827. The Association Sermon, to be delivered by elder Hansford D. Duncan; in case of failure, elder Darling Peeples.



## TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS.

*Report of the Committee appointed to receive moneys, and audit the Treasurer's accounts.*

### FOR THE EDUCATION FUND.

Balance on hand for last year,	-	-	-	-	\$540 56½
By cash paid Rev. Samuel Gibson for the purchase of books,	-	-	-	-	\$30 00
" " Paid Philip P. Bowen,	-	-	-	-	65 00
" " Paid Martin Swift,	-	-	-	-	25 00
" " Paid Rev. B. Manly, for books for W. H. Stokes, and Z. Watkins.	-	-	-	-	70 00
" " Paid for books for J. Ross,	-	-	-	-	20 00
" " Paid Rev. W. B. Johnson, for books for Messrs Williams, Vandiver and Hutson,	-	-	-	-	60 00
" " Paid Rev. J. Landrum, for books, for P. and J. Galloway,	-	-	-	-	40 00
					<hr/> \$310 00
					<hr/> \$230 56½
To amount of the Bequest of Thomas Gillison, deceased	-	-	-	-	5000 00
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Amount brought up, - - - - -	\$5230 66½
Cash paid for Principal's house, - - - - -	1000 00
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	\$4230 66½
Add Interest on \$3000 for 7 months, the Balance, say \$1230, reserved in the hands of the Treasurer, subject to the order of the Board, - - - - -	122 50
Received half the sum of \$42, public collection in the town of Greenville, - - - - -	21 00
" From the Minervaville Education and Missionary Society, - - - - -	3 00
" From the Edgefield Bap. Association, - - - - -	81 25
" From the General Committee of the Charleston Baptist Association, - - - - -	50 00
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	\$4508 31½

## COLUMBIAN COLLEGE.

Balance on hand for last year, - - - - -	\$50 00
By cash paid Rev. Luther Rice, - - - - -	50 00
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Received from the General Committee of the Charleston Baptist Association, - - - - -	50 00

## THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Balance on hand for the last year, - - - - -	\$38 75
Interest on that amount for one year, - - - - -	2 71½
Received from the Fellowship Benevolent Society, - - - - -	12 00
" " Edgefield Church and Congregation, - - - - -	22 00
" " Rev. Samuel Gibson, Agent, Donations, - - - - -	59 00
" " Same, part of subscriptions, - - - - -	42 00
" " Georgia General Association, - - - - -	3 00
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	\$179 46½

## FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Balance on hand for last year, - - - - -	\$61 50
By cash paid Rev. Luther Rice, - - - - -	61 50
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Received from the General Committee of the Charleston Baptist Association, - - - - -	50 00
" From the Fellowship Benevolent Society, - - - - -	4 00
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	\$54 00

## DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Balance on hand for last year, - - - - -	\$291 01½
Interest on that amount for one year, - - - - -	20 37½
Received half of \$42, public collection in the town of Greenville, - - - - -	21 00
" From the General Committee of the Charleston Baptist Association, - - - - -	50 00
" " Fellowship Benevolent Society, - - - - -	4 00
" " Rev. Sanford Vandiver, - - - - -	1 00
" " Rev. Samuel Gibson, Agent, - - - - -	26 58½
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	\$413 97½
By cash paid Rev. Samuel Gibson, - - - - -	413 97½

## WITHINGTON STATION.

Received from the Black Swamp Domestic Missionary Society, - - - - -	\$22 87½
" " Congaree Benevolent Society, - - - - -	30 00
" " Minervaville Education and Missionary Society - - - - -	2 00
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	\$54 87½



## GENERAL PURPOSES.

Balance on hand for last year - - - - -	\$109 01½
By cash paid Rev. L. Rice, for the Columbian College, - 38 50	
“ “ W. Riley, in part for Printing the Minutes, 45 00	
	<hr/> \$83 50
	<hr/> \$25 51½
Interest on that amount for one year - - - - -	1 78½
Received from Black Swamp Domestic Missionary Society, - -	20 00
Collection at the Savannah River Association. - - - -	7 78
From an individual at the same time, - - - - -	1 00
From the Saluda Education and Missionary Society, - - - -	30 00
From the Fellowship Benevolent Society, - - - - -	4 00
	<hr/> \$90 07½

FUND EXPRESSLY TO AID INDIGENT PIOUS YOUNG MEN  
FOR THE GOSPEL MINISTRY.

Balance on hand last year, - - - - -	\$74 00
Interest on that amount for one year, - - - - -	5 18
Received from the Children of the Edgefield Sabbath School, -	6 50
	<hr/> \$85 68

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## MINUTES

OF THE

# BOARD OF AGENTS,

*Appointed Dec. 6, 1825.**CAMDEN, Tuesday Evening, Dec. 6, 1825.*

THE Board met. The following members appeared; viz. W. B. Johnson, B. S. Scriven, B. Manly, A. Blocker, J. B. Cook, C. D. Mal-lary, J. Hartwell, T. Dargan, M. Mims, and J. Landrum.

1. Agreed that the Board meet again at Edgefield Court-House, on the Thursday next after the rising of the General Association of Georgia; and that the brethren Manly, Blocker, Mims, and Landrum, who are a majority of the committee for selecting a site, be requested to make all necessary inquiries, with respect to the price of brick, of other materials of building, and of workmen, in order to facilitate the operations of the Board when they meet.

2. The Members of the Board were individually requested to collect all information in their power, with respect to a suitable person for Principal of the Institution.

3. Appointed the Rev Samuel Gibson Domestic Missionary and Agent, to travel and preach within the limits of this state; with the view particularly, of soliciting contributions, and subscriptions, in aid of the Institution, and of the other important designs of the body: And agreed



that his compensation be \$400, for the year, or \$500, if the funds at the end of the year will allow it. The President to furnish him with credentials and instructions.

4. Voted the sum of \$50 for the Columbian College. For the foreign missions of the General Convention \$61 50 Also the sum of \$38 50, to be disposed of by that body, at their discretion. Voted also, for printing the Minutes of the Convention \$45.

5. Voted the sum of \$30 to Martin Swift, of the Savannah Association; also \$50 to Bryan Gause, and \$20 to John Ross, both of the Charleston Association; and \$30 to Samuel Gibson, Agent of the Convention; to be laid out in the purchase of books for them. Brother Gibson to appropriate the allowance made to him at his own discretion.— Brother Hartwell to appropriate the sums designed for the brethren Gause and Ross. Brother Scriven to lay out the money designed for Brother Swift.

6. The Brethren Benjamin S. Scriven, Thomas Polhill, and Alexander J. Lawton, were appointed, and requested to take immediate measures to secure, for the Convention, the legacy of our Brother Gillison.

7. The Treasurer was requested to have his Bond executed, and lodge it for the present in the hands of the Secretary. Brother Hartwell prayed, and the Board adjourned.

#### *EDGEFIELD, March 16, 1826.*

1. The following Members of the Board appeared, viz. W. B. Johnson, B. Manly, Abner Blocker, Charles D. Mallary, and M. Mims.

2. There being no quorum for the regular transaction of business, the Members of the Board present freely exchanged their views on the business expected to come before them. In which consultation they were assisted by the Rev. Jesse Mercer, who had come delegated to this Board from the General Association of Georgia. The Board regret that duty compelled Brother Mercer to leave the place, before a quorum of their number could be obtained.

3. The Members of the Board present, received the report of the majority of the Committee for selecting the site, on the subject of the titles which can be procured to the property, and the price of materials and workmen, which was satisfactory.—Adjourned to meet on to-morrow.

#### *March 17, 1826.*

1. The following Members of the Board appeared, viz. W. B. Johnson, B. Manly, Abner Blocker, Charles D. Mallary, M. Mims and John Landrum.

2. On motion resolved, that the joint offer of the Trustees of the Edgefield Village Academy, and of Eldred Simkins, Sen. Esquire, for the purpose of locating the Seminary, proposed by the Convention, be accepted.

3. *Resolved*, That immediate measures be taken to have the grounds above referred to surveyed, and titles executed to the Convention in due form.

4. *Resolved*, That it is more economical at present to purchase buildings for the accommodation of a Principal, than to build.

5. The Secretary proposed to the Board, the purchase of a house and lot, owned by him, in the Village of Edgefield, at fourteen hundred dollars. That is to say, six hundred dollars in cash, four hundred dollars to be paid on the first day of October, 1826. And four hundred dollars to be used by the Convention, at some future day most convenient to themselves, in laying the foundation of a Library for the use of the Institution.

*Resolved*, That this offer be accepted.

6. *Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to devise, and superintend the repairs, necessary for the house and lot just purchased, and also, for the present Academy building. M. Mims, Esq. Col. Benjamin Frazier, and A. B. Addison, Esq. are appointed that Committee;—who are also authorized to rent the house and lot, purchased of B. Manly, for the remainder of the present year.

7. *Resolved*, That the Principal of the Institution when appointed, and actually employed in the service of the Convention, shall receive as his salary for one year, the entire profits of the school—five hundred dollars in addition to it, and the use of a house and lot, free of expense.

8. *Resolved*, That brother Blocker, the Treasurer of the Convention, be requested and authorized to call on the Committee, for securing the legacy of our late brother Gillison, and receive from them the money if obtained; and if not obtained, that he be requested and authorized to apply in person to the Executors, and receive from them the money, or take immediate measures to secure it.

9. *Resolved*, That when this Board adjourn, they adjourn to meet at the time, and place, of the meeting of the Edgefield Baptist Association, that is to say, at ten o'clock, A. M. of the Saturday before the third Lord's day in September, 1826.

10. *Resolved*, That the President of this body, be requested to advertise in the Southern Intelligencer, the Columbian Star, and the Christian Watchman, for a Principal of the Institution, who shall be a Baptist Minister, and able to instruct in all the branches of a literary education, necessary for admission into the higher classes of the most respectable Colleges in the United States, and to give such assistance in their Divinity Studies, to young men designed for the Gospel Ministry, as may be suited to their cases, and to the wants of the Churches.

*Resolved also*, That candidates be requested to make application, accompanied by suitable recommendations, to the President, before the next meeting of the Board, on the Saturday before the third Lord's day in September, A. D. 1826; at which time it is expected, that the election of a Principal will take place.

11. *Resolved*, That the President, Secretary, and brother Mallory, be a Committee, to frame a Constitution and Rules, for the government of the Institution.

12. *Resolved Unanimously*, That this Board consider the offer of land for a site for the Institution, made by Col. Benjamin Frazier, of Edgefield Village, as truly generous and liberal, and that we feel grateful to brother Frazier for the kind concern he has manifested in the welfare of the Institution.

*Resolved also*, That the Secretary transmit to brother Frazier, a copy of this resolution.

13. *Resolved*, That the memorial of brother Nicolas W. Hodges, referred to this Board by the Convention, be referred to the Committee for framing a Constitution for the Seminary.

14. The Board attended to the execution of titles from the Trustees of the Edgefield Village Academy, and Eldred Simkins, Sen. Esquire, to the property accepted for the use of the Institution. And they also signed an Instrument, securing the establishment and maintenance of a respectable Institution, by the forfeiture of two thousand dollars, to the said Trustees, and of eight hundred dollars to the said Eldred Simkins, to the due performance of which obligation the whole property conveyed stands pledged.

At the same time also, the Board received a title in behalf of the Convention, from the Secretary, for the house and lot purchased of him; and executed their own obligations according to the terms of sale.

15. *Resolved*, that the brethren Martin Swift, and Philip P. Bowen, who come recommended, the one as an ordained Minister, and the other as a licensed Preacher, from their own Churches respectively, and from the General Association of Georgia, be received on the patronage of this Board.

16. *Resolved*, That brother Bowen, be placed for the remainder of this year under the instruction of the Rev Jesse Hartwell, and that he be authorized to draw on our Treasurer for any amount not exceeding seventy-five dollars. The Secretary to furnish a testimonial to brother Hartwell, that we patronize brother Bowen.

17. *Resolved*, That brother Swift, be placed for the remainder of this year, under the instruction of brother Nicolas W. Hodges, and that he be authorized to draw on our Treasurer for any sum not exceeding one hundred dollars.

18. Voted, that the thanks of this Board be presented by the President, to all those generous friends of the Convention, who have offered property for the use of the Institution, both those whose offers have been accepted, and those who have not.

19. Voted, that fifty dollars be appropriated to brother William H. Stokes of Potterville, Edgefield District, to be laid out in the purchase of books for him. Brother Manly to draw on the Treasurer, for the sum, and to purchase the books.

20. Voted, that twenty dollars be appropriated to brother Watkins, of the Cloud's Creek Church, Edgefield District, to be laid out by brother John Landrum, for him, in the purchase of books.

21. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer be authorized to use the funds of the Convention at discretion, in defraying the expenses of his journey to Coosawhatchie, for the object mentioned in a former resolution of the Board, at this meeting.

22. *Resolved*, That the Committee for repairing the houses, be authorized to draw on the Treasurer, as soon as he is in fund, for any sum, not exceeding five hundred dollars, to carry into effect the objects of their appointment.—And the Board adjourned.

#### *SISTER SPRING MEETING-HOUSE, Sept. 18, 1826.*

The following Members of the Board appeared, viz. W. B. Johnson, A. Blocker, John Landrum, J. B. Cook, Matthew Mims, Charles D. Mallary, and J. Hartwell.

1. Prayer by brother Hartwell.

2. Read the Minutes of the last meeting of the Board.

3. The Committee appointed to superintend the repairs of the buildings belonging to the Convention, at Edgefield Court-House, reported that they were going on, and would be completed by the 1st January, 1827.

4. The Treasurer reported, that he had visited the executors of the late Thomas Gillison, who had bequeathed the sum of 5000 dollars for the use of the Convention, and received from them an order for the amount in Charleston, which had since been paid. Whereupon, it was unanimously resolved, that the cordial thanks of this Board be presented to him, for his prompt attention to this business.

5. The Committee appointed to draft rules for the government of the Classical and Theological Institution, to be established by the Convention, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again. Whereupon, leave was granted.

6. The President reported, that brother Martin Swift, who had been received as a Beneficiary at the last meeting of the Board, had after a few weeks continuance under his instructor, withdrawn from the patronage of the Convention. The reasons assigned for his withdrawal were satisfactory.



7. The President reported, that in conformity with the request of the Board, at their last meeting, he had caused advertisements to be published in several public papers, for a Principal of the Seminary contemplated by the Convention. He then laid before the Board the applications that had been made to him, with the accompanying testimonials of the applicants. Whereupon, the Board proceeded to the election of a Principal, and on counting the votes it appeared that the Rev. Joseph Andrews Warne, was unanimously elected to that office.

8. The President was requested to inform the Rev. Mr. Warne of his election, and to request his attendance at the next meeting of the Convention.

9. *Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred dollars be appropriated to the use of the following ministering brethren, in the purchase of books, for their improvement, viz. Arthur Williams, Sanford Vandiver, James Hutson, John Galloway, and Peter Galloway, twenty dollars for each. And that the President procure the books for the three first, and brother Landrum for the two last.—Adjourned *sine die*.

### GREENVILLE, Saturday Evening, Dec. 16, 1826.

The following Members of the Board appeared, viz. W. B. Johnson, B. Manly, Abner Blocker, Joseph B. Cook, Charles D. Mallary, Jesse Hartwell, Matthew Mims, and John Landrum.

1. Read the minutes of the last meeting of the Board.

2. The Committee appointed to draft rules for the Literary and Theological Institution, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again. Leave was granted, and brother Hartwell, and the Principal elect of the Institution, added to the Committee.

3. Brother Mallary reported favourably, respecting the progress of Mr. Philip P. Bowen, who has been for some few months on the patronage of the board.

4. Brother Hartwell reported a list of books, purchased for John Ross; brother Manly a list of books, purchased for William H. Stokes; and brother Landrum a list of books, purchased for Z. Watkins. All which were satisfactory.

5. Accepted the report of the Domestic Missionary and Agent. He has employed his whole time the past year, in the service of the Mission, visited fifteen districts, and preached with many encouraging tokens that his labours were not lost. He has found conversation with children in private families, and the distribution of tracts among that interesting class, particularly an occasion of great tenderness, both to himself and to them. He has assisted to establish Sunday Schools, and from their increasing number, he is induced to hope that they will soon become general throughout the districts. In Lexington district particularly, Sabbath School instruction seems to engage general attention and support.

The Missionary during the past year, has baptized twelve persons; attended the meeting of three Associations; aided in the ordination of two Ministers; and obtained subscriptions to the amount of \$3150 for the Literary and Theological Institution at Edgefield. For the Domestic Mission he has received \$26 58 $\frac{3}{4}$ .

The Board adjourned to meet at the call of the President,

### Monday Evening, Dec. 18, 1826.

The Board met at 6 o'clock; the following Members appeared, viz. W. B. Johnson, B. Manly, Abner Blocker, Joseph B. Cook, Charles D. Mallary, Jesse Hartwell, and John Landrum. Brother Mims, being excused from attendance on account of indisposition.

1. Voted the whole amount in the fund for the Domestic Mission, viz.

\$413 97½, to brother Gibson, as compensation for his services as Agent and Missionary, during the past year.

2. *Resolved*, That the salary of the Principal be paid quarterly in advance.

3. Voted that the account of the Editor of the Christian Watchman, for publishing an advertisement, together with the postage of the letter, transmitting the amount to him, be paid: and that the Secretary be authorized to receive from the treasurer whatever amount may be necessary.

4. The Committee appointed to prepare a set of rules for the government of the Academical and Theological Seminary, to be established at Edgefield Court-House, South-Carolina, brought forward a report, which was accepted, and ordered to be presented to the Convention.—The Board adjourned, *sine die*.

*The Committee appointed to prepare a set of Rules for the Government of the Academical and Theological Seminary, to be established at Edgefield Court-House, South-Carolina, Report the following, viz :*

1. This *Seminary* shall be named “The Furman Academy and Theological Institution.”

2. It shall be under the general direction of the State Convention, of the Baptist denomination in South-Carolina; who alone shall have power to alter or amend these rules.

3. The more immediate management of the Seminary shall be committed to the Board of Agents of the Convention. And should the General Association of Georgia, or the State Convention of any sister State, become united with this Convention in the endowment of the Seminary, and annually contribute to its funds, it is hereby declared, that such Association or Conventions, shall be respectively entitled to five Representatives each, who shall be numbered with, and form a part of the Board of Agents; and be entitled to equal privileges and authority, with the Members of the Board, in the management of the affairs of the Seminary.

4. The Board shall have power to appoint and remove the Principal of the Seminary and the Professors in the various departments, but the Assistants of the Principal shall be employed, remunerated and dismissed by himself. The Board shall fix the salaries of the Principal and Professors, prescribe the course of studies, and the rate of tuition, grant certificates to those who shall have completed the regular course of instruction, and make any rules or by-laws for the better securing of the objects of their appointment, provided such rules or by laws are not repugnant to these rules, or the Constitution of the Convention.

5. The Board shall meet at the seat of the Seminary, at least once in each year. Six of their number shall constitute a quorum.

6. The President, or in the event of his death or inability to act, the Vice President, or in the event of his death or inability to act, the Secretary, at the request of the Principal of the Seminary, or any two of the Members of the Board, shall have power to call an extra meeting by a circular addressed to each of the members, sent at least thirty days before the time of meeting; which circular shall contain a notice, both of the time and place of meeting, and of the business for which the Board is to be assembled.

7. The Board may annually appoint an *Executive* Committee of three, residing near the Seminary, who, if not otherwise entitled, shall have a



right to set and vote in the meetings of the Board, when transacting the business of the Seminary. To this Committee, in connexion with the Principal and Professors, the Board may commit the charge of whatever relates to the conduct and morals of the students; the care of the buildings, and in general what shall require constant vigilance and attention, immediately requisite. The Committee shall make a regular report of their proceedings, annually to the Board, and if requested, exhibit their minutes, at any of the meetings of the board.

8. The Executive authority, in the internal regulation of the Seminary, and the administration of its discipline, shall be vested in the Principal alone. It is required, however, that the Professors in the various departments, shall constitute his advisory council, in cases of delinquency, which may render suspension necessary; and that both the Professors and Executive Committee, shall constitute such a council, to the Principal in cases that may require expulsion. The proceedings of the whole, subject, of course, to the inspection, and final decision of the Board at will.

9. Any officer of the Seminary appointed by the Board, who wishes to resign his situation, shall give notice of his intention to the President of the Board in writing, six months previous to his withdrawalment.

10. The Principal of the Seminary, shall be a Minister of the Gospel, in regular standing with the Baptist denomination. The Professors and Assistants, shall be men of irreproachable morals, competent attainments in science, and if not Baptists, friendly at least in their feelings and sentiments to the Baptist denomination.

11. There shall be two sessions of the Seminary, two public examinations, and one public exhibition in the year. The first session shall commence on the 15th January, and the second on the 15th July. The first examination shall take place on the 15th June, and be followed by an exhibition of the best speakers in the Institution. The second examination shall take place on the 15th Dec. Immediately after each examination, the vacation shall commence, and continue until the beginning of the next session. Each session shall be divided into two quarters of eleven weeks each, and no pupil shall be received, for a term less than one quarter. But if any pupil shall enter after the commencement of a regular quarter of the school, he shall only be charged for the remaining part of that quarter, provided he shall enter for the next. At the examination and exhibition in June, it is expected that the Board, or a committee appointed by them for the especial purpose, shall attend.

12. Any individual or body of persons, may endow a Professorship or Scholarship, in this Seminary, which professorship or scholarship shall forever bear the name of its founder, or the one which he may be pleased to give it.

13. This Seminary, though under Baptist patronage and direction, will receive any youth, whose education shall be paid for, without regard to sect or denomination.

14. Into this Seminary beneficiaries shall be received, who shall be regular members of some Baptist Church, in fellowship with the Baptist denomination. Indigent pious young men approved by their Churches, as men called of God to preach the Gospel, who shall be also approved in like manner by the Board, shall be the beneficiaries. These shall be taught free of charge, by the instructors in this Seminary. The direction of their studies is committed to the Principal, who is charged particularly with the formation of their minds, under the divine blessing, to usefulness. In this momentous concern, special regard must be had to the capacity of the beneficiary, and to the life of religion in his soul and conduct.—Whilst some may pursue science extensively, because of the possession of intellect adequate to the pursuit, others should be limited to a plain English education. In the Theological course, the cast of mind which the pupil manifests, must suggest the books that would be the most pro-



stable. Of all this the Principal must judge, and direct his pupil accordingly.

15. The course of books to be studied in the classical department, must be such as to prepare the pupils for admission into the higher classes of the most respectable Colleges in the United States. Of this course the Board will inform the Principal, by putting into his hands the laws of such Colleges. Any student, however, who wishes only to inform himself on some one or more particular branches of Academical Instruction, without completing a regular course, may at the discretion of the Principal, pursue his object in this Seminary.

16. The Board shall take immediate measures for collecting a Library, and pursue such measures from time to time, as the funds of the Institution will permit, and its interests require, for enlarging the Library, and obtaining a Philosophical and Chemical Apparatus.

17. The object of the Convention being the moral education of youth, as well as their Classical and Theological instruction, the Board is specially charged with the care of the Seminary in this regard, that they exercise unceasing vigilance over the morals of the youth, in the regulations they adopt for its government, and the establishing and securing its moral character.

18. The Board shall make a faithful report annually, of the state and prospects of the Seminary to the Convention, and such other body or bodies out of this state as may be connected with the Convention in the endowment, and annual support of the Seminary.

19. These Rules may be altered or amended, at a stated meeting of the Convention, by the concurrence of two thirds of the members present.

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*The Convention having vested the Board of Agents with the more immediate management of the Furman Academy and Theological Institution, the following resolutions, are in pursuance of this authority, now adopted, viz.*

1. The days of instruction shall be five in number for each week, beginning with Monday, and the hours of instruction six at least in each day.

2. At the hours for opening and closing the school, the pupils shall be assembled in one room, to attend upon the exercises of reading the Scriptures and prayer, to be performed by the Principal, or some person at his request.

3. The Wednesday afternoons shall be devoted alternately to crateral exercises, and the exhibiting of compositions.

4. During the time that beneficiaries are pursuing their Divinity course, they shall occasionally exercise their gifts in public preaching, under the direction of the Principal. And particularly during each vacation, shall such beneficiaries, as in the judgment of the Principal, are sufficiently improved, perform an itinerant tour through a part of the Churches in the state, keeping a diary of their tour, and making to the Principal a report of their journey, which report shall be laid before the Board at their annual meeting.

5. In relation to the clothing, board, and incidental expenses, of the beneficiaries, the special Committee are requested and authorized to exercise their judgment, as during the recess of the Board they are charged with supplying their necessities, of whom they will require a minute and accurate statement of all their disbursements.

6. The rates of tuition shall be the following, payable quarterly in advance, viz:

For Orthography, Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic,	\$5 per qr.
For the above, with English Grammar, and Geography,	6 50 do.
For the above, with the higher branches,	7 50 do.
In the Theological Department,	8 00 do.
For the use of the Library, 50 cts. per quarter.	

7. All lying, cursing, swearing, drunkenness, fighting, duelling, dice, card and billiard playing, betting, theft, and fornication, are forbidden to the students of this Seminary. Offences against this article, shall be punished by a private or public reprimand, or suspension, or expulsion, according to the nature and repetition of the offence.

8. In the event of the death, or inability of the Principal to perform the duties of his office, the Executive Committee shall appoint one *pro tempore*.

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## MONEYS COLLECTED BY THE MISSIONARY.

### *Domestic Missions.*

William Inglesby,	\$5 00	Columbia Ch (J. T. Fowke,)	\$5 81½
Mrs. Nolan,	50	Bethlehem Ch. (T. Bowmer,)	2 52½
B. C. H. (Jennings O'Bannon,)	12 00	Brother Lawrs,	0 75
			<hr/> \$26 58½

### *Theological Seminary.*

Mrs. Elliott,	\$10 00	A Friend,	\$5 00
Mrs. James Stewart,	5 00	Samuel Gibson,	5 00
Female Mite Society of Ham-		Zeb. Rudolph,	10 00
burg,	10 00	Thomas Meriwether,	10 00
A Friend,	10 00	Thomas Bauskett,	2 00
A. B. Smith,	5 00	Elizabeth R. Townsend,	2 00
John Nettles,	2 00	Charles W. Capers,	3 00
Benjamin Adams,	2 00	Dr. Thomas Fuller,	5 00
L. Boykin,	10 00	James Pope,	5 00
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